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SUBJ: DUTCH INITIATIVE ON GUINEA-BISSAU

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY
POLITICAL SECTION, KEIJO KORHONEN, TODAY TOLD EMBASSY
POLITICAL OFFICER THAT DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATE
SECRETARY PIETER KOOYMANS DURING HIS TALK YESTERDAY
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN HAD RAISED A
SPECIAL DUTCH SCHEME ON GUINEA-BISSAU QUESTION.

2. ACCORDING TO KORHONEN, KOOYMANS IS SOUNDING OUT
FINNS, SWEDES AND NORWEGIANS, BUT NOT DANES, ON
DUTCH SCHEME TO CREATE SOME SPECIAL STATUS FOR
GUINEA-BISSAU ON THE MODEL OF THAT OF MANY FORMER
FRENCH AFRICAN COLONIES; I.E., SOME FORM OF
INDEPENDENCE OR THE EQUIVALENT THEREOF, COUPLED
WITH VERY CLOSE TIES TO THE FORMER MOTHERLAND.

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3. THE DUTCH, ACCORDING TO KORHONEN, HAVE TAKEN

UP MATTER WITH THE NORDICS PRIMARILY BECAUSE RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU HAS BECOME AN ACTIVE POLITICAL ISSUE HERE, BUT PLAN TO ATTEMPT ENLIST SUPPORT OF US, UK, AND FRANCE TO CONVINCE PORTUGAL THAT IT IS IN PORTUGAL'S INTEREST THAT OFFICIAL INITIATIVE BE PORTUGUESE. US, BECAUSE OF ITS INFLUENCE WITH PORTUGAL; UK, BECAUSE OF ITS OLD TIES WITH PORTUGAL; AND FRANCE, BECAUSE OF ITS OWN AFRICAN EXPERIENCE.

4. KORHONEN ADDED THAT FINNS WILL NOT GET OUT FRONT ON THIS MATTER, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LEADING PARTNER IN COALITION GOVERNMENT), BUT WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD ADHERE TO ANY JOINT NORDIC POSITION THAT MAY DEVELOP, WHEN THIS MATTER IS DISCUSSED AGAIN IN APRIL AT THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN COPENHAGEN.
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